

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“    ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method processed by a computing device at a user location, comprising the steps of:

~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, an instant messaging (IM) address of a contact;

~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, an email address of a contact;

receiving, by the computing device at the user location, a reference identifier (ID) from the user, the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact;

~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the IM address to a single ~~the~~ reference identifier (ID), ~~the single reference ID being adapted to identify the individual contact;~~ and

correlating the email address to the ~~single reference ID~~, identifier (ID).

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, an email address  
of the individual contact; and

~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the email  
address of the individual contact to the reference ~~ID~~: identifier (ID);

receiving, by the computing device at the user location, a telephone number of the  
individual contact;

correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the telephone number of the  
individual contact to the reference identifier (ID);

receiving, by the computing device at the user location, an address of the individual  
contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the address of the individual  
contact to the reference identifier (ID);

receiving, by the computing device at the user location, personal information of the  
individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the personal information of  
individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, a telephone number of  
the individual contact; and

~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the telephone  
number of the individual contact to the reference ~~ID~~: identifier (ID).

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
- ~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, an address of the individual contact; and
- ~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the address of the individual contact to the reference ~~ID~~: identifier (ID).
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
- ~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, personal information of the individual contact; and
- ~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the personal information of individual contact to the reference ~~ID~~: identifier (ID).
6. (Currently Amended) A method processed by a computing device at a user location, comprising the steps of:
- ~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, user input, the user input comprising multiple instant messaging (IM) addresses of an individual contact, the multiple IM addresses comprising IM addresses from different IM accounts, each of the different IM accounts being adapted to transmit and receive IM messages using a different IM protocol; ~~and~~
- receiving, by the computing device at the user location, a reference identifier (ID) from the user, the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact; and
- ~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, each of the multiple IM addresses to a ~~single~~ the reference identifier ~~(ID), the single reference ID being adapted to~~ identify the individual contact. (ID).

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
- ~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, an email address of the individual contact; and
- ~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the email address of the individual contact to the reference ~~ID-~~ identifier (ID).
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
- ~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and
- ~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference ~~ID-~~ identifier (ID).
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:
- ~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, an address of the individual contact; and
- ~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the address of the individual contact to the reference ~~ID-~~ identifier (ID).

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, personal information of the individual contact; and

~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the personal information of individual contact to the reference ~~ID~~-identifier (ID).

11. (Currently Amended) A system processed by a computing device at a user location comprising:

first receive logic logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and configured to receive first user input, the first user input comprising multiple instant messaging (IM) addresses of an individual contact, the multiple IM addresses comprising IM addresses from different IM accounts, each of the different IM accounts being adapted to transmit and receive IM messages using a different IM protocol; and

second receive logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and configured to receive second user input, the second user input comprising a reference identifier (ID), the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact; and

correlate logic logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and configured to correlate each of the multiple IM addresses to a ~~single~~ reference identifier (ID), the ~~single~~ reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive ~~logic~~ logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and  
configured to receive an email address of the individual contact; and  
  
correlate ~~logic~~ logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and  
configured to correlate the email address of the individual contact to the reference ~~ID~~-identifier  
(ID).

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for ~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, an email  
address of the individual contact; and  
  
means for ~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location the email  
address of the individual contact to the ~~ID~~-reference identifier (ID).

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive ~~logic~~ logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and  
configured to receive a telephone number of the individual contact; and  
  
correlate ~~logic~~ logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and  
configured to correlate the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference ~~ID~~-identifier  
(ID).

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:  
means for ~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and  
means for ~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the ~~ID-~~reference identifier (ID).
16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:  
receive ~~logic~~ logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and configured to receive an address of the individual contact; and  
correlate ~~logic~~ logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and configured to correlate the address of the individual contact to the reference ~~ID-~~identifier (ID).
17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:  
means for ~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, an address of the individual contact; and  
means for ~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the address of the individual contact to the reference ~~ID-~~identifier (ID).

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive ~~logic~~ logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and  
configured to receive personal information of the individual contact; and  
  
correlate ~~logic~~ logic, processed by the computing device at the user location, and  
configured to correlate the personal information of individual contact to the reference ~~ID~~.  
identifier (ID).

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for ~~receiving~~ receiving, by the computing device at the user location, personal  
information of the individual contact; and  
  
means for ~~correlating~~ correlating, by the computing device at the user location, the  
personal information of individual contact to the reference ~~ID~~.identifier (ID).